

Remarks

The Applicants have amended the Specification to place it into better condition for allowance. The Applicants have also amended the Abstract in accordance with the objection. Entry of the changes to the Specification and the Abstract into the official file is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is also respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended as to form. The amendments merely break various of the components into different paragraphs for ease of understanding.

The Applicants enclose copies of abstracts of various of the JP publications mentioned in the prior IDS and in the International Search Report. The Applicants further enclose copies of the abstract of publications JP 2001-233611 and JP 2002-79616 that were received in a communication from the Taiwan Patent Office. Finally, the Applicants enclose a full English translation of JP 2002-36457 (discussed further below). The Applicants still further enclose a fresh Form PTO 1449 and respectfully request that it be entered into the official file and initialed as appropriate.

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by JP 2002-36457. The Applicants note that the rejection was made on the basis of a so-called “machine translation.” The Applicants respectfully submit that such machine translations often times contain inaccuracies and the Applicants believe that is the case here. The Applicants have accordingly translated JP ‘457 and enclose a copy for the Examiner’s convenience. This “real” translation is important and the Applicants commend the Examiner’s careful attention to that translation for the reasons set forth below.

A portion of the rejection relies on the proposition that the:

resin layer has fine irregularities on the surface and an arithmetic average surface roughness Ra ranging from 0.003 μm to 0.025 μm and the surface of the resin layer of the multilayer film has a reflectance of less than 2% and a haze of less than 3% (*machine translation paragraph [0008]*).

The Applicants respectfully submit that the machine translation is in error. In particular, the Applicants respectfully submit that JP ‘457 does not disclose an arithmetic average surface roughness Ra ranging from 0.003 μm to 0.026 μm in Paragraph [0008]. Reference to the “real” translation confirms this fact. Thus, the Applicants respectfully submit that a fundamental premise of the rejection cannot be sustained based on the actual disclosure of JP ‘457. On this basis alone,

the Applicants respectfully submit that JP '457 is inapplicable to Claims 1-17 and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

However, there is more. The rejection also relies on the proposition that the:

resin layer contains silica particles with a particles size of 0.001 μm to 0.2 μm (*machine translation paragraph [0015]*).

The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that JP '457 really discloses that an electrical conductive layer contains inorganic particles with a particle size of 0.001 μm to 0.2 μm . JP '457 does not, however, disclose that the resin layers contains particles. As a consequence, the resin layer of JP '457 does not have an arithmetic average surface roughness Ra ranging from 0.003 μm to 0.02 μm .

In sharp contrast, the claimed resin layer (d) has fine irregularities on the surface and an arithmetic average surface roughness Ra ranging from 0.003 μm to 0.02 μm . Also, it is one of the means to form the surface of the resin layer (d) in which particles are contained in the resin layer (d).

The Applicants' solicited claims further recite an electrically conductive layer containing electrically conductive particles. The Applicants respectfully submit that JP '457 does not disclose that claimed subject matter. This is verified by the enclosed "real" translation. As a consequence, the Applicants respectfully submit that JP '457 is further inapplicable to the Applicants' solicited claims. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire Application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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